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SUBJECT: CIVAIR:GOF TIGHTENS AIRPORT SECURITY

1. AFTER INSPECTION OF ORLY AND CHARLES DE GAULLE AIRPORTS YESTERDAY BY INTERIOR MINISTER PONIATOWSKI, HE ANNOUNCED TO PRESS THAT SECURITY WOULD BE TIGHTENED CONSIDERABLY FOLLOWING THE TWO TERRORIST ATTACKS THAT OCCURRED AT ONE WEEK INTERVAL AT ORLY. MEASURES ANNOUNCED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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A) TERRACES OVERLOOKING AIRFIELD AT ORLY AND CHARLES DE

GAULLE AIR TERMINALS WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.
B) FENCING AROUND AIRFIELDS WOULD BE RAISED TO HEIGHT
OF 2.5-3 METERS, ESPECIALLY AT SENSITIVE POINTS.
C) HENCEFORTH THERE WILL BE SPOT SEARCHING OF
PASSENGERS (I.E., IN ADDITION TO PRESCREENING
PROCEDURES PRIOR DEPARTURE).
D) SECURITY FORCES WILL BE PROVIDED WITH SPECIAL
WEAPONS, INCLUDING LONG-RANGE RIFLES.
E) ORDER IS REAFFIRMED THAT SECURITY FORCES ARE TO
OPEN FIRE IMMEDIATELY ON ANY PERSON SURPRISED IN
TERRORIST ACT.
F) FIRING PRACTICE BY MEMBERS OF SECURITY
FORCE WILL BE INTENSIFIED.
G) COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT WILL BE PARKED IN AREAS
PERMITTING BETTER SURVEILLANCE.
H) CRS (COMPAGNIE REPUBLICAINE DE SECURITE) UNITS
ASSIGNED TO GUARDING OF AIRPORTS WILL NOT BE ROTATED
AS OFTEN AS IN THE PAST, THUS ENABLING MEMBERS OF
THESE UNITS THE BETTER TO KNOW INSTALLATIONS.
I) THE SPECIAL ANTI-COMMANDO BRIGADE WILL STUDY
POSSIBLE SITES FROM WHICH TO FIRE.
J) BADGES OF DIFFERENT COLORS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO
AIRPORT EMPLOYEES PERMITTING ACCESS ONLY TO THEIR
PLACES OF WORK AND NOT TO ALL INSTALLATIONS AT THE
AIRPORT.
K) X-RAY EQUIPMENT WILL BE INSTALLED FOR SCREENING
OF BAGGAGE FOR WEAPONS DETECTION PURPOSES.

2. WE MIGHT NOTE THAT AT BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR,
I. E., PRIOR TO THE TWO RECENT TERRORIST ATTACKS,
HOLDERS OF AIRPORT PASSES ISSUED BY PARIS AIRPORT
AUTHORITY (E.G., INCLUDING EMBASSY PERSONNEL SUCH
AS RCAA, FAA REP, ETC.) WERE INFORMED THAT THESE
PASSES WERE NOT BEING RENEWED FOR SECURITY REASONS
IN ORDER LIMIT ACCESS OF GENERAL PUBLIC TO AIRPORT
INSTALLATIONS. ACTUALLY, IN PRACTICE THESE "PASSES"
HAD MERELY PERMITTED ACCESS TO PUBLIC AREAS AND NOT
BEYOND POLICE/CUSTOMS CORDON FOR ARRIVALS AND

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DEPARTURES. (COMMENT: THESE ARE DIFFERENT FROM SGAC
PASSES ISSUED BY AIR POLICE TO EMBASSY FOR POUCH
NEEDS.)

3. FOLLOWING LATEST TERRORIST ATTACK AND PRIOR TO
ANNOUNCEMENT OF ABOVE MEASURES, WE CHECKED WITH PANAM
AND TWA TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THEY HAD BEEN SATISFIED
WITH SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS PROVIDED BY GOF AT PARIS
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AIRPORTS. BOTH CARRIERS FELT THAT SECURITY HAD BEEN
TIGHT. LONDON-BASED SECURITY OFFICERS OF BOTH

CARRIERS HAD, MOREOVER, COME TO PARIS TO INSPECT
ARRANGEMENTS DURING PERIOD RECENTLY WHEN BOTH CARRIERS
WERE ON SPECIAL ALERT AS RESULT OF POSSIBLE TERRORIST
THREAT, AND SECURITY OFFICERS HAD BEEN MORE THAN
SATISFIED WITH EXTRA SECURITY PROTECTION GOF HAD
PROVIDED ON THAT OCCASION.

4. MEMBER OF EL AL'S PARIS STAFF WHO ASKED NOT TO BE
IDENTIFIED WAS INTERVIEWED ON FRENCH RADIO AFTER
LATEST TERRORIST ATTACK AT ORLY DIRECTED AGAINST
EL AL AIRCRAFT. HE WAS ASKED POINTBLANK WHETHER HE
THOUGHT GOF HAD TAKEN ADEQUATE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS.
HE DID NOT FAULT FRENCH SECURITY BUT RATHER POINTED
OUT THAT NO SECURITY SYSTEM COULD BE 100 PERCENT
FOOLPROOF AND, IN PARTICULAR, IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO
HAVE AIRTIGHT SECURITY AT AIRPORTS WHERE SOME
CONCESSION HAD TO BE MADE TO PUBLIC SERVICE ROLE OF
BOTH THE AIRPORTS AND THE CARRIERS.
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